

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60835, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to that regulation, Bureau staff has been searching state and county voter registration records in order to confirm that applicants satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth in article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c)(3) of the California Constitution and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60819, subdivision (a) for serving as a member of the Commission. This is a report by Bureau staff concerning an applicant who appears not to satisfy the eligibility requirements.

Name of Applicant: Ivo F. Austin.

Information: Applicant has not been registered continuously in California for at least five years immediately preceding the date that the first eight members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission will be selected by the State Auditor (i.e. November 18, 2010). According to records of the California Secretary of State and confirmed by the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters, Applicant registered to vote in Sonoma County on June 20, 2006, but was not registered to vote prior to that date. Bureau staff advised Applicant that voter registration records indicate he has not been registered continuously in California since November 18, 2005, and asked him to help us resolve the issue of his indicated ineligibility to serve as a member of the Commission. Applicant responded by e-mail on July 7, 2010 that he agreed with the information provided by Sonoma County.

Recommendation: Applicant be eliminated from the supplemental pool of applicants as he does not satisfy the eligibility requirement for serving as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission set forth in article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c)(3) of the California Constitution and California Code of Regulations title 2, section 60819. These sections require that to be eligible to serve as a member of the Commission an applicant must have been registered continuously in California for at least five years immediately preceding the date that the first eight members of the Commission will be selected by the State Auditor (i.e. November 18, 2010).

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Report date: July 13, 2010.